International/Biddding for Kawas and Gandhar projects

841. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any International Competitive Bidding (ICB) for natural gas contract for Kawas and Gandhar gas-based NTPC power projects;

(b) if so, the details of the bidders, along with the cost of gas quoted in dollars/ million btu;

(c) whether the offer of the lowest bidder was accepted and Letter of Intent issued;

(d) if so, the status of gas supply contract;

(e) whether the lowest offer accepted by NTPC is being benchmarked as the cost of natural gas for future power projects by the Ministry; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. NTPC invited bids under International Competitive Bidding (ICB) for procurement of Gas for Kawas and Gandhar power projects.

(b) The name of the bidders along with price of gas quoted in dollars/million btu is given as under:

SL No.	Name of the Bidder	Price of Gas*
1.	Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL)	US Dollar 3.18 per Million British Thermal Unit (MMBtu) for supply of Natural Gas at Power Plant Boundary
2.	PETRONAS, Malaysia	USD 3.63 per MMBtu for LNG Supply price on CIF basis at Dahei port & Hazira port.
3.	PETRONET Consortium	USD 0.71 per MMBtu (at Dahej port) only for Regasification and Transportation charges up to power plant boundary

* The price quoted do not include Taxes and Duties in lndia.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) Because the lowest bidder, RIL didn't sign the Gas Sale Purchase Agreement (GSPA). NTPC Ltd. has filed a suit in the Bombay High Court. The matter is *sub-judice.*

Recast of APDRP

842. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are likely to announce a recast of its key reform tool in the power sector the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP), to provide a fresh impetus to the ongoing efforts to give incentives to States to turn around the power distribution sector;